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FOR AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON FROM SCHNEIDER

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PLOS OVIP (RICHARDSON, ELLIOT L.)
SUBJECG: LOS: VISIT OF AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON

1. WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HEAR THAT YOU ARE PLANNING A STOP IN
DELHI MAY 1 AND 2. YOUR MESSAGE FOR JOHN THOMSON WAS THE
FIRST WE HAD HEARD OF YOUR VISIT BUT WE PRESUME THAT WE
WILL BE LEARNING MORE ABOUT YOUR DESIRES.

2. I HAVE PASSED YOUR NOTE TO JOHN THOMSON WHO REPLIES AS
FOLLOWS:

3. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR ELLIOT: SPLENDID THAT YOU CAN COME. WE
ARE INESCAPABLY OUT TO DINNER ON SUNDAY BUT IT SHOULD BE A
GOOD PARTY AND WE HOPE YOU CAN COME. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR,
WHO IS A VERY OLD FRIEND, IS ENTERTAINING MARIETTA TREE AND
MRS. GANDHI. WE ARE GIVING A STAFF PARTY ON MONDAY EVENING.
THE FACT THAT BOTH EVENINGS OF YOUR STAY ARE BOOKED MAKES IT
ESPECIALLY DESIRABLE FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW THAT YOU SHOULD
STAY WITH US IF PROTOCOL ALLOWS. WE VERY MUCH HOPE YOU WILL
DO THIS AND IN THAT CASE WOULD MEET YOU ON ARRIVAL. YOU
WILL PROBABLY NEED TO SLEEP ON SUNDAY MORNING BUT WE WILL
KEEP THE AFTERNOON FREE FOR TALKS AND SWIMMING. LOVE TO ANNE.
WE WISH SHE WAS COMING TOO. SIGNED: JOHN END TEXT.

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4. MY WIFE AND I WOULD ALSO BE DELIGHTED IF YOU COULD STAY
WITH US WHILE YOU ARE IN DELHI BUT I SEE NO PROTOCOL OR
OTHER REASON WHY YOU SHOULD NOT ACCEPT JOHN'S INVITATION IF
YOU WISH. I AM A LITTLE LEERY ABOUT YOUR DINING WITH MRS.
GANDHI DURING SUCH A SHORT VISIT. SOME MEMBERS OF THE NEW GOVERN-
MENT HAVE VERY STRONG FEELINGS ABOUT HER REGIME AND YOU

WILL BE TALKING WITH THE LAW MINISTER WHO CONDUCTED THE COURT CASE AGAINST HER WHICH CAUSED HER TO DECLARE THE EMERGENCY. I COULD SCHEDULE A WORKING DINNER WITH GOI OFFICIALS THAT NIGHT IF YOU WISH.

5. I SPOKE BRIEFLY TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY THIS MORNING ABOUT YOUR DESIRES FOR CONSULTATION AND HE SAID HE WOULD CHECK AND LET ME KNOW. HE AND OTHER GOI OFFICIALS (INCLUDING JAGOTA) ARE, HOWEVER, FULLY OCCUPIED WITH GROMYKO'S VISIT FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS AND SO THERE MAY BE SOME DELAY.

6. IT IS GOOD THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SCHEDULE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE INDIANS AND I LOOK FORWARD TO JOINING YOU IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS.
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